

1 Honor, I wonder if I could concede that minute  
2 and a half to Scott McCollough.

3 JUDGE FARROBA: That's fine.

4 MR. DEERE: Do I get a vote?

5 (Laughter)

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7

CROSS-EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. McCOLLOUGH: \_\_\_\_\_

9 Q. Mr. Deere --

10 A. Mr. McCollough.

5:24P 11 Q. The interconnection agreement  
12 between Southwestern Bell and ACSI required  
13 Southwestern Bell to file a status report on  
14 ADSL and two-wire HDSL. Do you remember that?

15 A. Yes, sir, I do.

16 Q. And you did so -- you did file a  
17 report with this commission?

18 A. Yes, sir, we did.

19 Q. Okay. Southwestern Bell has a  
20 retail offering called fast track DSL that is  
21 rolled out in Austin on a test basis?

22 A. On a test basis in four offices.

23 Q. The commission's approval of your  
24 test offering required the company to file  
25 reports on a six-month basis on the status of

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1 its testing. Has the company filed any such  
2 reports?

3 A. The only one I'm aware of was the  
4 six months for this report. If there was  
5 requirements on the tariff offering, I wasn't  
6 involved in that, so I do not know.

7 Q. Okay. By the way, I visited  
8 Southwestern Bell's home page and pulled off  
9 the write-ups that y'all have on your ADSL  
10 technology, and that's in the record as TISPA  
11 Exhibit No. 6.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. And I'll distribute that to the  
14 commissioners and aides in a minute.

15 Let me ask you a question about a  
16 different subject, sir. Feeder fiber is a  
17 UNE, is it not, as a result of the  
18 mega-arbitration?

19 A. As -- under the orders of this  
20 commission, fiber in the feeder is to be made  
21 available as an unbundled subloop element.

5:25P 22 Q. Do you know whether any CLEC has  
23 actually obtained any feeder fiber?

24 A. I am not aware of any.

25 Q. Okay. Are you aware of any

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1 specific procedures, methods, practices,  
2 for -- by which a CLEC can obtain information  
3 on the availability of fiber in any agreement?

4 A. Mr. Jim Hearst will be here when  
5 we talk about poles, conduits and so on, and  
6 he has been involved in that. But in talking  
7 with him, there have been a number of  
8 inquiries. Now, whether they're totally  
9 within the loop or within interoffice, I don't  
10 know, but there have been a number of  
11 procedures and -- and discussions between  
12 companies where they inquire about the  
13 availability of fiber between Point A and  
14 Point B and, you know, we can tell them  
15 whether or not it's available, et cetera.

16 Q. Okay, but you're not aware of any  
17 provisions in any agreement that specifically  
18 address that, are you?

19 A. No, sir.

20 MR. MCCOLLOUGH: Thank you,  
21 Your Honor.

22 JUDGE FARROBA: Thank you.  
23 If we can get the other -- rest of the panel  
24 up for cross-examination.

25 MR. MCCOLLOUGH: If I can

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1 Take just a moment to go ahead and distribute  
2 these exhibits...

3 JUDGE FARROBA: And I believe  
4 everybody that's listed has already been sworn  
5 in, so as soon as everybody is seated, we can  
6 begin.

7 MR. BOURGEACQ: Your Honor,  
8 no cross of the panel.

5:26P 9 JUDGE FARROBA: No cross?  
10 Okay. Then, okay, Mr. Deere is already back  
11 up here. Staff questions?

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13 STAFF'S\_CLARIFYING\_QUESTIONS

14 BY\_MR.\_SRINIVASA:

15 Q. This question is directed to  
16 Ms. Strow. Is Intermedia trying to provide  
17 digital service loops to residential  
18 subscribers or business subscribers?

19 A. (Strow) Right now, only to  
20 business subscribers.

21 Q. Do you have any plans to provide  
22 service, DSL service to residential  
23 subscribers?

24 A. (Strow) Not at this time, but we  
25 do from a strategic standpoint firmly believe

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1 that DSL technology will provide the economic  
2 revolution, once that technology is available,  
3 to reach the mass markets that are currently  
4 not being reached, the residential markets.  
5 Whether we will decide to provide to that  
6 market, I don't know at this time.

7 Q. But when you say DSL, do you mean  
8 ADSL or HDSL service?

5:27P 9 A. (Strow) I'm at a disadvantage  
10 here because I am a policy person and not an  
11 engineer, but my understanding is --

12 MS. KRABILL: There's one.

13 MS. STROW: -- is that it's  
14 XDSL technology is what -- X is what we're  
15 looking at.

16 BY\_MR.\_SRINIVASA:

17 Q. So if a residential subscriber  
18 wants to make a 911 call, the capacity to --  
19 voice band will be there in that ADSL  
20 technology. Is that correct?

21 A. (Strow) My understanding is -- is  
22 it would work for voice -- traditional voice  
23 type service that we have today on our  
24 telephone line, just increase capacity band  
25 width, so that providers who do choose to

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1 serve the residential market will then be able  
2 to offer a host of services on top of what's  
3 out there today, video, data, Internet, all  
4 over one circuit versus having to have  
5 multiple lines to do that as exists today.  
6 That's my very policy-oriented understanding  
7 of the revolution that we're expecting to take  
8 place with DSL technology.

9 A. (Deere) If I might, the ADSL  
10 technology does have an underlying voice  
11 grade, you know, circuit on it. But the --  
12 the HDSL does not. The HDSL is a single path,  
13 whereas the ADSL really is three paths, one of  
14 which is the voice.

15 Q. Would you say that typically that  
16 HDSL would be used to provide service to  
17 business customers if there's no need for 911  
18 calls?

19 A. (Deere) I would say HDSL would be  
20 used for more -- for something -- some type of  
21 high-speed circuit. It would not be used for  
22 providing your basic telephone service where  
23 you might have a need for 911.

5:29P 24 Q. If a CLEC purchases a two-wire  
25 unbundled loop, if that loop has all the

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1 characteristics to handle the ADSL, are you  
2 going to prohibit them from providing the ADSL  
3 service over that loop?

4 A. (Deere) At the present time, yes,  
5 because of the interference that the -- that  
6 the ADSL equipment can cause with other  
7 circuits within the same cable. Through the  
8 trial that I mentioned earlier, we are  
9 developing a tech pub that looks at the  
10 various parameters that need to be met in  
11 order to use that two-wire loop for ADSL. And  
12 that includes such things as separation from  
13 other type circuits that would be affected,  
14 and to the distances that can be served and to  
15 the standard that would be used on the ADSL.

16 Right now there's really sort of  
17 two standards on ADSL. One has finally just  
18 recently been approved by the standards body,  
19 but there's another one that's sort of a  
20 de facto standard because that's most of  
21 what's been manufactured and is out there.  
22 And the two are somewhat deadly to each other  
23 in the same cable. They tend to wipe out each  
24 other.

25 Likewise, if you put two ADSLs

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1 going opposite directions in the same cable,  
2 they tend to wipe each other out. They also  
3 interfere with ISDN. They also interfere with  
4 T-1 circuits and vice versa. These -- these  
5 other things interfere with it. So you have  
6 to come up with a method of spectrum  
7 management within the cable to assign that  
8 two-wire loop for use with ADSL. Until that  
9 can be done, we do have a problem, they're  
10 just saying, "I'll just take a pair and use  
11 it."

5:31P 12 Q. Do you experience that problem  
13 only at certain speeds?

14 A. (Deere) Yes. It's -- usually, if  
15 you stay down in the -- the lower speed ones,  
16 the 275's, 345, something like that one,  
17 it's -- it's not as severe. The higher the  
18 speed goes, the worse the problem becomes.  
19 But the problem we've got right now, like I  
20 say, is just -- and no disrespect, please, but  
21 people talk about using ADSL, XDSL, all this  
22 type of stuff, without defining it. And even  
23 within ADSL, there's a large range from being  
24 some relatively low speed of 300, you know,  
25 plus or minus kilobits up to six megabits.

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1 And so you've got to define what it is  
2 you're -- you're going to put onto that cable  
3 pair in order to know what kind of spectrum  
4 management you have to do to protect it and to  
5 protect other circuits.

6 And through the trial we've been  
7 doing, we're -- we're about to get to a point  
8 of having a -- a tech pub that we can share  
9 with people that shows what type of things  
10 would be required.

11 A. (Strow) Just for clarification,  
12 if I remember Mr. Deere's cross-examination  
13 directly -- and I'm sure he'll correct me if  
14 I'm wrong -- the same limitation may not exist  
15 with four-wire ADSL. Is that correct? You're  
16 testing it now?

5:32P 17 A. (Deere) I haven't seen any  
18 four-wire ADSL. All the -- four-wire HDSL --

19 A. (Strow) Okay.

20 A. (Deere) -- is what I've talked  
21 about. The four-wire HDSL does not have as  
22 severe a limitation, because you can separate  
23 the two pairs, the transmit and receive pair.  
24 Whereas, when you get to the two-wire systems,  
25 you've got a pair that are in the same

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1 binder -- pardon me, goes in the same binder  
2 group and may cause problems.

3 Q. Okay. If it were to be four-wire  
4 ADSL, you wouldn't expect the same problem?

5 A. I would not expect it to be as  
6 severe, and I think the spectrum management  
7 problems would be different.

8 Q. Okay. In other RBOC territories,  
9 is Intermedia obtaining four-wire DSL loops.

10 A. (Strow) Not at this time, we have  
11 not. We are requesting them. The technology  
12 is pretty much in the same stage for the other  
13 ones. Our concern is that with some of the  
14 activity we're seeing at the federal level,  
15 that there will be some move on the part of  
16 the incumbents to protect this type of  
17 technology, and we do think it should be  
18 offered as an unbundled element and for resale  
19 as well.

20 A. (Deere) It is a very new  
21 technology and, like I say, I'm working with  
22 other companies in other states that are in  
23 our family of companies, and we're at the same  
24 stage of trying to figure out, you know, how  
25 can you do this? How can you provide it?

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1       Because we'd like to provide the services,  
2       too. But right now we figure there's too much  
3       harm to the network that's possible until we  
4       get all the problems figured out.

5:33P   5       Q.   U S West and Ameritech apparently  
6       have announced that they're going to offer  
7       ADSL service to their subscribers on a retail  
8       basis? Does anyone in the panel know that --  
9       what they're going to -- what type of service  
10      they're providing and what standard they're  
11      using for that ADSL service?

12       A.    (Deere) As I understand it from  
13      the one -- from the -- just as purely from  
14      press releases that I've seen, I have no  
15      engineering knowledge, they're using the low  
16      speed for their residential, the ones that  
17      they're offering at \$40 a month, it's down in  
18      the 300-kilobit range.

19       A.    (Falcone) If I can add to that,  
20      Nara, I don't know.

21       Q.    Most of the AT&T issues in here  
22      have to do with combining the loop with the --  
23      with respect to the loop category, is that  
24      correct, with the port?

25       A.    (Falcone) That's correct. We're  
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1 CROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. CANIS:

3 Q. Thank you, Mr. Auinbauh. I'm Jon  
4 Canis for Intermedia. Does Southwestern Bell  
5 have a position on making available -- excuse  
6 me -- making available XDSL technology as an  
7 unbundled network element?

8 A. (Auinbauh) Well, and I'll -- I'm  
9 going to have to work at answering that one a  
10 little bit. XDSL isn't specific enough for me  
11 to be able to answer.

5:50P 12 Q. Well, we talked earlier, we were  
13 limiting our discussion at first to HDSL and  
14 ADSL. Does Southwestern Bell have a position  
15 on either of those?

16 A. (Auinbauh) Well, HDSL and -- and  
17 I believe --

18 MR. DEERE: Wait a minute.  
19 Let me explain something to Mr. Auinbauh what  
20 we're doing here. He's not talking about just  
21 a loop conditioned port. He's talking about  
22 with the electronics on it.

23 A. (Auinbauh) Okay. With that  
24 clarification, is that intended to be what  
25 your question --

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1           Q.   That -- that was -- yes.  Thank  
2   you?

3           A.   (Auinbauh)  Southwestern Bell  
4   offers a DSL loop, which as I understand it is  
5   equivalent to what is able to be derived by  
6   deploying HDSL modems on a four-wire copper  
7   loop that falls within certain transmission  
8   parameters.  We don't distinguish that loop  
9   between the underlying technology that's used  
10  to deliver a DSL interface at each point of  
11  access to that loop, those points of access  
12  being as Mr. Deere's described in the central  
13  office and the other point typically being at  
14  a customer's premises.

15               Beyond that, if a company were --  
16  and I'm going to say collocated, because it's  
17  necessary to have your own HDSL modems and  
18  chose to -- to purchase four-wire digital  
19  loops to deploy their own HDSL modems to the  
20  extent that they would work, and it doesn't  
21  violate any spectrum management requirements  
22  to protect all customer services within the  
23  same cable sheath, for example, we wouldn't  
24  necessarily even know that you were doing it.

25               In terms of ADSL -- and I don't

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1 know if you've spoken to this. It's been an  
2 issue in arbitration, apparently that's been  
3 discussed.

5:52P 4 MR. DEERE: Yes.  
5 Unfortunately, you still haven't answered his  
6 question. I've got to --

7 MR. CANIS: I'm sorry. I'm  
8 assuming the answer to my question, then, is  
9 no.

10 MR. DEERE: Well, what he's  
11 asking is would we provide an ADSL or HDSL  
12 service, loop plus electronics?

13 MR. SIEGEL: Or maybe would  
14 the electronics be purchased as an unbundled  
15 network element and the four-wire loop be  
16 purchased as an unbundled element?

17 MR. DEERE: Not just the loop  
18 itself, but the electronics end of it.

19 MR. AUINBAUH: Well -- and  
20 I'm sorry if it wasn't clear the way I  
21 answered that. We offer DSL -- HDSL, in  
22 particular, as deployed in Southwestern Bell's  
23 territory as a means of delivering a DS1  
24 electrical interface, and we offer a DS1 loop  
25 as a standard offering in interconnection

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1 agreements. And so the underlying technology,  
2 whether it's through multiplexed fiber systems  
3 down to four-wire copper, whether it's  
4 repeated copper that has repeaters on it or  
5 HDSL isn't offered separately. We offer the  
6 DSL as the electrical interface at each end,  
7 so that I guess what I'm trying to say is it  
8 doesn't matter what the underlying technology  
9 is, we deliver the DSL. And that's what you  
10 get from it, HDSL.

5:53P 11 MR. SRINIVASA: If Intermedia  
12 wants to locate the DSL electronics virtually  
13 collocated on one of the components, do you  
14 have a policy against that?

15 MR. AUINBAUH: We do not have  
16 a policy against it. I'm not aware that we've  
17 been asked for any HDSL electronics and -- and  
18 from the very cursory discussions that I've  
19 been involved in, it -- it may not be a  
20 practical approach, but we don't have a policy  
21 against it. We would look at it.

22 MR. CANIS: May I be allowed  
23 just one final follow-up question on this?  
24 BY MR. CANIS:

25 Q. When I was discussing this with

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1 Mr. Deere, we had a hypothetical where  
2 Southwestern Bell is already providing a  
3 four-wire ADSL service to its end user  
4 customer. Intermedia wants to come in,  
5 competes with that customer, wins that  
6 customer, now goes to Southwestern Bell and  
7 says you've got a DSL -- a four-wire ADSL  
8 circuit up and running. We want to buy that  
9 circuit now as an unbundled network element so  
10 we can continue to provide that service to  
11 this end user customer. How would  
12 Southwestern Bell respond to that request?  
5:54P 13 A. Well, first of all, and Mr. Deere  
14 may help me here. I'm not aware of  
15 Southwestern Bell deploying any four-wire ADSL  
16 whatsoever or having any plans to. The issue  
17 of two-wire ADSL was -- was discussed at  
18 length here in arbitration and it's been in  
19 the process of trying to determine if it can  
20 be provided in a way that it doesn't cause  
21 other problems in the network, so I think that  
22 one has been answered. So I'm sorry I can't  
23 answer you. I will tell you that if there's  
24 an HDSL there and you want a DSL, you have the  
25 access to that.

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1 MR. SIEGEL: Okay. I'll --  
2 JUDGE FARROBA: Okay. Yeah,  
3 how many more questions do you have?  
4 MR. SIEGEL: Just one.  
5

6 STAFF'S CLARIFYING QUESTIONS

7 BY MR. SIEGEL: \_\_\_\_\_

8 Q. \_\_\_\_\_ It's really the same question, but  
9 instead of it being for XDSL, it's the  
10 availability of 56- and 64-kilobit per second  
11 and whether or not the means to be able to  
12 provide that and be purchased as unbundled  
13 network elements.

14 A. (Auinbauh) Okay. And again,  
15 assuming 56-kilobit being a four-wire digital  
16 loop, there's a four-wire digital loop  
17 available.

18 BY MR. SRINIVASA:

19 Q. \_\_\_\_\_ Well, how about the port and the  
20 switch which offers the 56-kilobits per  
21 second?

22 A. (Auinbauh) Okay, which would be a  
23 two-wire 56-kilobit, I believe, and I don't  
24 know that we have that contained in any  
25 agreement. But if there's a switch port that

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1       can do that, I -- I -- I'm not aware of us  
2       taking a position it's not available.

5:55P   3           Q.   How about if you have frame relay  
4       equipment and you have the switch 56 or any  
5       other fractional DSL type of service that  
6       you're offering. Can you offer that as an  
7       unbundled basis?

8           A.   Well, I think we're mixing  
9       technologies here. A 56 -- a switch 56, as I  
10      understand it, would work off of a normal  
11      local switch. Frame relay is a -- isn't a  
12      local service at all, local exchange service  
13      as I understand it.

14                 WITNESS STROW: Yes, it is.

15                 MR. AUINBAUH: Well, we may  
16      disagree. But it's not -- the frame relay  
17      switch and switch may be a little bit too  
18      general a term, although that's how they're  
19      referred to at this point in time, it's not a  
20      local exchange switch at all.

21                 JUDGE FARROBA: Okay. Thank  
22      you. First, let me just -- commissioners, do  
23      y'all have any questions?

24                 CHAIRMAN WOOD: No.

25                 JUDGE FARROBA: Okay. I'll

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1 let you respond to that, and then y'all can --  
2 then y'all are done with your questions.  
3 Okay.

4 MS. STROW: I think the  
5 perplexing issue here for us and the line of  
6 questioning that you missed that we pursued on  
7 our cross is what we cannot understand is why  
8 you would offer a DS1 loop but not a  
9 56-kilobit loop. They're both four-wire  
10 digital loops. The only thing is -- is with a  
11 DS1 loop we're having to pay for a lot more  
12 capacity than what we intend to use with a  
13 56-kilobit and we've been denied that one.  
14 And that's where we're having a  
15 misunderstanding. I mean, we just don't  
16 understand your response when you clearly have  
17 a DS1. And that's what I understood the bona  
18 fide request process to be for, is that if  
19 there was something we did not currently have  
20 in our agreement that we needed, we could come  
21 back and ask for it. And your response seems  
22 to be, well, I'm sorry, this is what we have  
23 and you can either take it or leave it.

24 MR. DEERE: If I might, I  
25 think the reason being is if you're looking at

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1 a four-wire digital loop, whether it's --  
2 whether you put the electronics on it to carry  
3 DS1 or 56 kilobits, the loop portion of it is  
4 the same.  
5:57P 5 MS. STROW: The capacity is  
6 different.  
7 MR. DEERE: Well, the  
8 capacity is different, but the capacity is  
9 determined by the electronics you put on it.  
10 And if we're just talking about the loop,  
11 we're talking about four wires --  
12 MS. STROW: It sounds like we  
13 might have an overpriced DS1 loop, then.  
14 MR. DEERE: Well --  
15 MS. STROW: If it's the same  
16 thing.  
17 JUDGE FARROBA: Okay, I think  
18 Commissioner Walsh has a question.  
19 BY\_COMM.\_WALSH:  
20 Q. I feel like I'm going backwards.  
21 On the recent change method, the recent change  
22 method can effectively disconnect service.  
23 And I think what Mr. Deere said was, "Well, we  
24 might take the cross-connect off, anyway."  
25 Is that like two percent of the time or 99

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## **EXHIBIT 6**

**Strow, Julia O. (EXCH)**

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**From:** Strow, Julia O. (EXCH)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 1997 12:19 PM  
**To:** 'jerry gillmore'  
**Subject:** Bona Fide Request for Unbundled Network Elements  
**Importance:** High

July 30, 1997

**To:** Jerry Gillmore - Southwestern Bell Telephone Operations

**From:** Julia Strow - Intermedia Communications Inc.

Thank you for your message concerning the bona fide request process and the recommended course of action on that issue. Please proceed accordingly as we do have a request that I would like to make at this time.

As we have previously discussed, Intermedia is requesting a unbundled four-wire digital loop and other elements needed to support frame relay traffic. These elements would be analogous to an unbundled 56/64 Kbps DSO circuit. Since I am not an engineer and to ensure that it is clear what Intermedia is requesting, I am attaching three drawings which should provide the detail necessary to respond to this request. Please do not hesitate to let me know if further clarification is needed in order for this request to be analyzed.

Projected demand can be estimated at the current level of the embedded circuits (formally Netsolve) in Texas. I also think we could also expect some growth to the base and will provide a factor for you on that. I am attempting to get a count of the circuits, but I am being told that SBC may be able to get the count for us. In any event, I will work with you to determine expected demand. Please let me know if you have any other questions.



frame relay drawing

*Intermedia  
Exhibit 3*

Jerry Gilmore  
Account Manager-  
Competitive Provider  
Account Team

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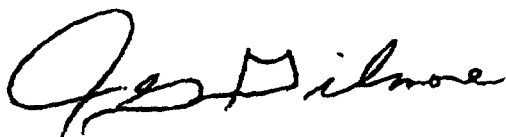
Ms. Julia Strow  
Intermedia Communications  
3625 Queen Palm Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33616

Dear Julia:

This is in response to your request for unbundled elements pursuant to the Bona Fide Request Agreement executed between SWBT and Intermedia Communications (ICI) on August 1, 1997. SWBT has reviewed the information provided by ICI and concluded the request is for genuine Access Services offered out of the F.C.C. No. 73 tariff. Tariff services are not available through the BFR process, therefore, SWBT would expect ICI to order the requested elements from the tariff.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter further, I can be reached on (214) 464-5320.

Sincerely,



September 15, 1997

To: Gerry Gilmore - Southwestern Bell Telephone

From: Julia Strow - Intermedia Communications

Subject: Southwestern Bell Response to Intermedia's Bona Fide Request

I have reviewed your response to our Bona Fide Request submitted to Southwestern Bell on July 30, 1997. Intermedia strongly disagrees with SWB's response to our request which stated that the request made by Intermedia was for access service. To clarify, Intermedia is not seeking access service by this request but rather an unbundled local digital loop and an unbundled network element for channelization. The loop requested is similar to the functionality offered through Southwestern Bell in its Digital Link Services tariff. Based on my reading of Southwestern Bell's tariffs, Intermedia is requesting an unbundled local loop component of the 56 Kbps Site Link. We request that our BFR be reevaluated in light of this clarification. It is Intermedia's position that what we are requesting is required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Further, our position on this issue has been supported by other state jurisdictions as well as other incumbent local exchange carriers. Intermedia is open to meeting with representatives from Southwestern Bell to work through any technical or legal aspects of this request so that Southwestern Bell can fully understand the nature of our request.

Since this is not a new request on the part of Intermedia, but rather a clarification of a previous request, we will expect a response from Southwestern Bell by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please call me on 813-829-2072 if you have any questions on this issue.

Cc: Mike Viren  
Jon Canis, Esq.



**Neald, Craig A. (EXCH)**

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From: MORENO, TEOFILLO (TED)[SMTP:TM1606@txmail.sbc.com]  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 1998 1:53 PM  
 To: Strow, Julia O. (EXCH)  
 Subject: RE: Bona Fide Request

Julia

I've been advised by my internal "subject matter expert" that SWBT does not offer 56/64 Kbps digital loop, as an "Unbundled Network Element".

This service is an Access Service, under SWBT's FCC No. 73 tariff.

Therefore, it is not appropriate to use the BFR process to handle your request.

It is my understanding that this Access Service can be ordered through SWBT's regular Business Service Center serving the exchange for which you wish to order service.

Ted

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 > From: Strow, Julia O. (EXCH)[SMTP:JOSTROW@intermedia.com]  
 > Sent: Friday, January 16, 1998 11:02 AM  
 > To: 'Strow, Julia O. (EXCH) (ICI)'; GILMORE, JERRY W  
 > Cc: MORENO, TEOFILLO (TED)  
 > Subject: RE: Bona Fide Request

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 > Jerry, thanks for the email and the follow up voice mail. good luck  
 > in  
 > your new assignment, perhaps we will work together again in your new  
 > position.

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 > Ted, I understand from Jerry that an issue has been raised about the 4  
 > wire 56/64 Kbps digital loop. I know it is technically feasible to  
 > provide these types of loops since everyone offers them to the best of  
 > my knowledge. I think we probably have a semantics problem.  
 > What I would like to do is have a conference call with the technical  
 > folks at SWB and our people to work through the 4 wire digital loop  
 > issue and to discuss the items listed below. Hopefully it will help me  
 > in drafting the BFR. If we can do that either early next week or the  
 > week of the 26th that would be great.

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 > Jerry also asked if we had filed the BFR document for approval with  
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 > states, I am checking on that and if we have not I will do so  
 > immediately.

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 > Please let me know asap if you think we can move forward with a  
 > conference call.

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 > > From: GILMORE, JERRY W[SMTP:jg3231@txmail.sbc.com]  
 > > Sent: Friday, January 16, 1998 11:39 AM